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February 27, 1968

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This past week King concentrated his attention on the South and spoke at rather large gatherings in Birmingham, Montgomery, and Selma, Alabama.

King has chartered a small twin-engine aircraft to help speed him about the South urging people to support his Washington Spring Project.



In this connection, the "Miami Herald" newspaper on February 18, 1968, reported that some Negro leaders will urge King to detour his planned massive civil disobedience demonstration scheduled for April, 1968, in Washington, D. C., and redirect the demonstrators to the local districts of Congressmen who have voted against civil rights legislation. These leaders feel that Congressmen do not care what happens in Washington, D. C., but they would feel the impact of these demonstrations in their home districts.

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NOTE:

Classified "Secret" inasmuch as the concealed sources for the above information are highly sensitive sources operating in the racial field whose disclosure would seriously damage our intelligence coverage and be injurious to the national defense.

See cover memorandum G. C. Moore to W. C. Sullivan, dated 2/26/68, captioned as above, prepared by DMW:lmr.

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Memorandum

TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan *WCS*

FROM : G. C. Moore *GC*

SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
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Attached for your approval for dissemination are copies of a communication containing the results of a conference held at Miami, Florida, by Martin Luther King, Jr., President, Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), to train Negro ministers in urban leadership.

BACKGROUND:

Recently the Ford Foundation publicly announced they were providing the SCLC with a grant of \$230,000 to train Negro ministers in an effort to develop responsible leadership in the Negro ghetto areas of the Nation's major cities.

RECENT DEVELOPMENTS:

King held the first of a series of two workshops at Miami, Florida, from February 19-23, 1968. Approximately 150 Negro ministers throughout the United States attended this conference. A large amount of time was spent at the conference discussing ways of putting economic pressure on the white community to create more jobs for Negroes.

The delegates held different opinions as to the methods to be used in solving the problems of the civil rights movement. The majority favored the nonviolent approach. One of those advocating a more militant approach was Reverend James Bevel, an aide to King. Reverend Bevel stated he believed

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in burning down the cities if something significant would be accomplished, but he did not believe in burning just for the sake of burning.

Concerning religion, Reverend Bevel advised he did not believe in the virgin birth of Christ. He advised he was firmly convinced that "Mary" was raped by a Roman soldier.

71" Another militant minister in attendance was Reverend James E. Woodruff of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Another source advised that there was a marked tendency on the part of SCLC to move away from integration and move toward economic and political black power.

During the conference some members of SCLC attempted to gain support for King's massive civil disobedience campaign scheduled in early April, 1968, in Washington, D. C. Most ministers attending gave their reluctant approval to this program.

The majority of the delegates in attendance were opposed to the militant approach to solving the problems of the civil rights movement as advocated by Stokely Carmichael, former Chairman of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee.

RECOMMENDATION:

That copies of the enclosures be forwarded to Mrs. Mildred Stegall at the White House; Mr. William Welsh, Administrative Assistant to the Vice President; Secretary of Agriculture Freeman; Secretary of Labor Wirtz; Secretary of Defense; Secret Service; the Attorney General; the Deputy Attorney General; Assistant Attorneys General Pollak, Yeagley, and Vinson; the Inter-Division Information Unit of the Department; and to the Departments of Army, Navy, and Air Force.

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advised he attempted to get Negro leaders in New York City to burn that town down when Adam Clayton Powell lost his congressional seat; however, he was unsuccessful.

Concerning religion, Reverend Bevel advised that he did not believe in the virgin birth of Jesus Christ. He advised he was firmly convinced that "Mary" was raped by a Roman soldier.

Another militant minister in attendance was Reverend James E. Woodruff, an Episcopal minister from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Reverend Woodruff confided to some in attendance that he was the leader of a "liberation school" and he also conducted many classes in various homes in the Philadelphia area. He also stated that he believed in terrorist tactics to achieve black power.

Another source advised that there was a marked tendency on the part of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference to move away from integration and to move toward economic and political black power.

During the conference some members of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference attempted to gain support for King's massive civil disobedience campaign to be held early in April, 1968, in Washington, D. C. King calls this program his "Washington Spring Project." Most ministers in attendance gave their reluctant approval to the "Washington Spring Project" provided the Project would be approached in a nonviolent manner.

Most of the delegates in attendance were opposed to the militant approach to the problems of the civil rights movement advocated by Stokely Carmichael, former Chairman of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee. These individuals felt that the problems could be solved with a more moderate approach.

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The source used to characterize CLARENCE JONES

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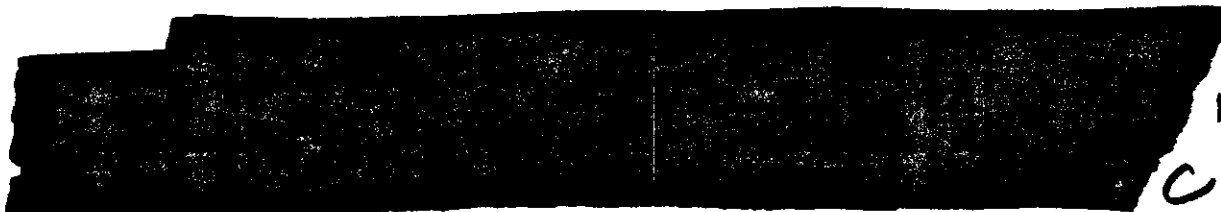
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A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished information on February 23, 1968, reflecting that Stanley Levison was going to meet Martin Luther King, Jr., on the night of February 23, 1968, at Kennedy International Airport, New York City, to take him to the "Freedomways" Magazine sponsored affair at Carnegie Hall, New York City, that night.

The same source learned on February 24, 1968, that on that date, Stanley Levison told Clarence Jones about the affair sponsored by "Freedomways" Magazine on the night of February 23, 1968. Levison said he believed it illustrates the degree of despair and depression prevalent in progressive circles. He described it as the "deadest meeting" he had ever seen and said that people are depressed because they are frustrated over the Vietnam War and also feel there are no answers to riots in the streets. Referring to Martin Luther King's speech, he said that King has never read anything as badly. Levison attributed this to King feeling uncomfortable at the meeting. He said that King felt it was his duty to pay a tribute to (W.E.B.) DuBois but also knew it was not really his (type of) crowd. He said King read his speech as if he did not understand what he was reading.

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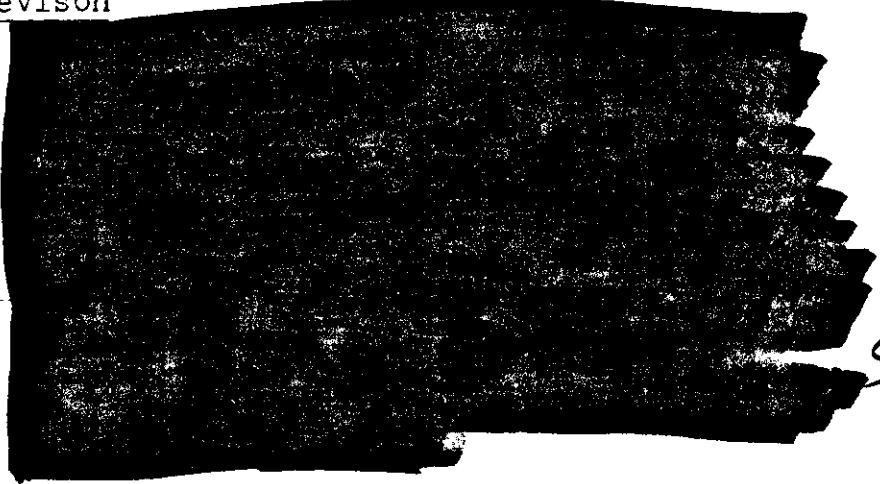
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Another confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on February 26, 1968, that the "Freedomways" Magazine sponsored affair celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the birth of W.E.B. DuBois was held on Friday night, February 23, 1968, at Carnegie Hall, New York City. The affair lasted from 9:00 PM to Midnight with over 1,000 people in attendance. U
Ossie Davis was the master of ceremonies and the speakers included Martin Luther King, Jack O'Dell and several others.

According to the source, King, in his speech, praised W.E.B. DuBois and mentioned his planned demonstration in Washington, D.C. King stated that, with respect to this demonstration, they would stay as long as necessary to accomplish their aims. He stressed, however, that it would U
be non-violent in character.

A characterization of Freedomways Associates, publisher of the magazine U
"Freedomways", is attached.

Stanley Levison



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W.E.B. DuBois

"The New York Times", August 28, 1963, page 3, contained an article datelined at Accra, Ghana, stating that W.E.B. DuBois died on August 28, 1963. It said that he went to Ghana as the guest of President Kwame Nkrumah to become Director of the Encyclopedia Africana, which was sponsored by the Government of Ghana, and became a citizen of that country. The article also noted that "During his later years, he was active in many left-wing and Communist activities. In the Fall of 1961, at the age of 93, he joined the Communist Party (CP)." u

Jack O'Dell

The Fall, 1967 issue of "Freedomways", lists Jack O'Dell under the name of J.H. O'Dell, as its Associate Managing Editor. u

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APPENDIX

1.

FREEDOMWAYS ASSOCIATES, INC.

The records of the New York State Secretary of State, Albany, New York, show that the Certificate of Incorporation of Freedomways Associates, Inc., was u filed on March 2, 1961.

On May 24, 1961, a source advised that a report was given on "Freedomways" at a meeting of the National Board, Communist Party, USA (CP, USA), held on May 24, 1961. It was stated that the central purpose of "Freedomways" is to develop a theory and positive criticism of currents in the Negro Movement, as well as to raise the level of understanding and discussion taking place in Negro life today and to project a socialist and pro-Soviet orientation. u

On May 25, 1961, a second source advised that "Freedomways" was set up for the CP, USA by JAMES JACKSON. u

The First Quarter, 1967, issue of "Freedomways", self-described as "A Quarterly Review of the Negro Freedom Movement" published by Freedomways Associates, Incorporated, 799 Broadway, New York City, lists the following as its editorial staff: u

JOHN HENRIK CLARKE, Associate Editor
ESTHER JACKSON, Managing Editor
J. H. O'DELL, Associate Managing Editor u
JOHN L. DEVINE, Art Editor

A third source made available information on July 1, 1964, indicating that JOHN HENRIK CLARKE attended u the first and founding meeting of the American Institute for Marxist Studies (AIMS) which was held on December 19, 1963, and continued on January 10, 1964.

This source also made available information on u August 14, 1964, indicating that CLARKE is an "Associate" of AIM

On March 16, 1966, the second source advised that JAMES JACKSON, accompanied by his wife, ESTHER JACKSON, was scheduled to depart on March 25, 1966, from the United States en route to Moscow to attend the 23rd Congress of the CP of the u

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Soviet Union. This source described JAMES JACKSON as a member of the National Committee, CP, USA. u

On July 26, 1966, a fourth source identified O'DELL as a member of the CP. stu

On January 30, 1961, SYLVIA M. BRENNER DEVINE, 415 South 50th Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, advised that her former husband, JACK DEVINE, mentioned on December 17, 1960, that he was still in the CP and that the CP is his whole life. u

On July 24, 1963, a fifth source described JOHN DEVINE as a CP member. u

A characterization of AIMS is set out separately. u

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APPENDIX

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AMERICAN INSTITUTE FOR MARXIST STUDIES

A source advised on April 9, 1963, that on April 7, 1963, at a meeting of the District Committee of the Communist Party, United States of America (CPUSA), of New England, held in Boston, Massachusetts, HERBERT APTHEKER stated he was developing an organization called American Institute for Marxist Studies (AIMS), which would eventually legalize the CP. He stated AIMS would publish literature on History, Science, Physics, Archeology and other subjects which would be put out quarterly with various supplements.

A second source advised on June 30, 1966, that HERBERT APTHEKER was elected to the National Committee, CPUSA, at the 18th National Convention of the CPUSA, held June 22-26, 1966, in New York City.

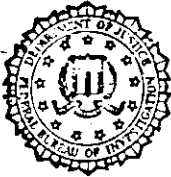
A third source advised on June 7, 1963, that on June 3, 1963, HERBERT APTHEKER spoke at the CPUSA, New York District Board meeting concerning AIMS. APTHEKER stated that AIMS would unite and strengthen the CP although the CP would not be connected with it. He stated AIMS was being formed to operate within the scope of the McCarran and Smith Acts and would legally bring Marxist material and opinions to the attention of American scholars and the general public. u

A fourth source reported on August 29, 1966, that AIMS issues a "Newsletter" every other month. This source also made available the information that AIMS issues publications and holds symposiums concerning Marxism.

A fifth source advised on May 9, 1967, that as of that date, AIMS was located on the fifth floor west of 20 West 30th Street, New York, New York.

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RE: WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT

Reference is made to communication from this Bureau dated February 19, 1968.

The "Miami Herald" a local Miami, Florida, newspaper on February 20, 1968, reported that Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., opened a series of meetings in Miami, Florida, on February 19, 1968, designed to help Negro clergymen minister to the social and economic needs of their congregations. This article reported that Dr. KING and Reverend ANDREW YOUNG, one of his top aides in the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), said the five-day series of conferences will not include planning for civil rights or anti-war demonstrations.

It was also reported that Dr. KING and Reverend YOUNG both said they did not expect STOKELY CARMICHAEL and RAP BROWN, leaders of the vocal Black Nationalist militancy to attend. However, Reverend YOUNG said, "If STOKELY and RAP come we won't throw them out." This article goes on to report that in addition to the 150 official delegates, about 50 more ministers are expected to attend the meetings, which are not open to the public.

It was reported that about 125 delegates attended a luncheon on February 19, 1968, and heard a talk by Dr. R. A. ABERNATHY, a Vice-President of SCLC. In addition, this article reports that three lecturers, followed by workshop sessions, are scheduled for February 20, 1968.

~~_____~~ Ministers Conference at the Sheraton Four Ambassadors, Miami, Florida, opened on schedule on February 19, 1968. In welcoming the group, Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., reiterated that the purpose of this conference was for discussion, study and training in connection with problems facing the Negroes in the big city areas.

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He further stated that attention would be given to attempting to reconcile the term "black power" with the overall civil rights movement in the United States. During the opening conference, nonviolence was continuously stressed.

Dr. KING stated that over-integration could occur to the point that Negroes could lose their identity. He gave as an example the integration of the Methodist Church, however, this was not further explained.

The only remark that was made to the people in attendance relative to the "Washington trip" was that this conference in Miami would not be used for the purpose of recruiting people for the trip to Washington, nor would it be a topic of discussion.

On February 20, 1968, the entire group will be broken up into "workshop units" according to their interest and needs of the area from which the various ministers came. All leaders are to take part in the activities of the workshop and report back to the entire assembly.

During the opening day of this meeting, only one item of dissension occurred and that involved some opposition to the fact that apparently DAN MONAHAN, who was formerly connected with Urban Housing, has been invited to address the conference in Miami. Some ministers disagreed with this invitation, however, Reverend ANDREW YOUNG stated that his presence could contribute to the conference, and that he should be heard.

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that several items of literature were being passed out to the delegates. Included in the literature was a leaflet captioned "The Southern Christian Leadership Conference" and outlines the purpose of the training program. In addition, a statement made by Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., Atlanta, Georgia, on December 4, 1967, which statement relates to the Washington Spring Project, was also being passed out.

These two items are quoted as follows:

RE: WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT

**"THE SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP
CONFERENCE**

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., President

**"MINISTERS LEADERSHIP TRAINING PROGRAM
Rev. T. Y. Rogers, Jr., Director**

"CRISIS OF THE CITIES: A CREATIVE ANGLE

**"...transforming the inchoate rage of the
ghetto into a creative force for change...."**

"The Ministers Leadership Training Program is designed to train local leaders in the knowledge of the many problems which the residents of the ghetto face and in ways of solving these problems. Our focus is the Black Preacher and the Black church for we believe that the greatest potential power for controlling the forces which make and sustain as well as those which can change the structure of the ghetto, is within the Black church. We further believe that because of the central place for which the Black church holds in the Negro community, we can develop the kind of leadership which will develop programs to transfer control of the ghetto to those who reside there. Finally, the Southern Christian Leadership Conference is an extension of the church and therefore much of our emphasis should be on strengthening the witness of the church in areas of life where problems are greatest.

"The Ministers Leadership Training Program will be conducted in fifteen metropolitan areas of our nation. We have selected a minimum of eight and a maximum of twenty preachers from these fifteen areas, depending upon the size and population, who will participate in our program. Our program begins with an orientation workshop in Miami, Florida. This workshop is designed to acquaint the preachers who will participate in our program with the over all history and philosophy of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference and with the programs which demand our concern at present. This workshop is also designed to acquaint the participants with the nature and scope

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"of the multiplicity of problems facing the residents of the ghetto. Our emphasis will be on a detailed examination of the forces which make the ghetto a reality; the structures which maintain the ghetto; and the possibility of destroying the ghetto by restructuring and changing ownership of the economic structures of the ghetto. There will also be an examination of the theology of the church, a look at the history of the Black church, and a re-defining of the ethic of the Black church in terms of the problems faced by Black churches today.

"To accomplish the above mentioned ends we have invited to this workshop persons with expertise in the problems of the ghetto. They will deal with the 'Making of the Ghetto,' 'the New Mythology,' 'Political Action and Political Coalition,' the 'Challenge of an Urban Ministry,' 'Jobs,' 'Welfare Rights,' 'Nonviolence and Social Change,' and other problems facing the poor.

"During the orientation workshop the cities will be organized. A convener will be chosen for each city with the exception of New York City which will have a convener for Brooklyn and Queens and another for Manhattan and the Bronx. These sixteen conveners will call the men of their cities together once per week for study, discussion, learning, planning and executing programs. The conveners will serve as the link between the Atlanta office of the Ministers Leadership Training Program and the particular city involved, and will channel programs and information to the members of their group.

"In brief the goals of the Ministers Leadership Training Program are as follows:

- "1. To sensitize Black preachers to the problems of the ghetto and the relationship of these problems to their ministries.

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- "2. To create a discipline for analyzing and understanding the forces which create and sustain the ghetto.
- "3. To develop an understanding of the various methods of solving problems and to focus these methods on solving the problems of the ghetto.
- "4. To lay the foundation for the organization and structuring of the ghetto to meet the needs of the people who live there.
- "5. To create a common force of grass-roots people to affect positive change in the ghetto.

"The problems with which this program is concerned are poverty, employment, education, housing, police brutality, inter-group relations, health and welfare, community services and property ownership.

"The cities in which this program will be conducted are:

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| 1. Atlanta | 8. Los Angeles |
| 2. Birmingham | 9. Memphis |
| 3. Chicago | 10. Philadelphia |
| 4. Cleveland | 11. St. Louis |
| 5. Detroit | 12. San Francisco |
| 6. Baltimore | 13. Washington, D. C. |
| 7. New York | 14. Newark |
| 15. Houston | |

"Co-operating agencies: Urban Training Center of Chicago, Metropolitan Applied Research Center of New York, Internship for Clergymen in Urban Ministry of Cleveland and Gammon Theological Seminary of Atlanta."

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"Statement by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
President, Southern Christian Leadership Conference
Atlanta, Georgia

"December 4, 1967

"Ladies and Gentlemen:

"Last week the staff of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference held one of the most important meetings we have ever convened. We had intensive discussions and analyses of our work and of the challenges which confront us and our nation, and at the end we made a decision which I wish to announce today.

"The Southern Christian Leadership Conference will lead waves of the nation's poor and disinherited to Washington, D. C., next spring to demand redress of their grievances by the United States government and to secure at least jobs or income for all.

"We will go there, we will demand to be heard, and we will stay until America responds. If this means forcible repression of our movement, we will confront it, for we have done this before. If this means scorn or ridicule, we embrace it, for that is what America's poor now receive. If it means jail, we accept it willingly, for the millions of poor already are imprisoned by exploitation and discrimination. But we hope, with growing confidence, that our campaign in Washington will receive at first a sympathetic understanding across our nation, followed by dramatic expansion of nonviolent demonstrations in Washington and simultaneous protests elsewhere. In short, we will be petitioning our government moves against poverty.

"We have now begun preparations for the Washington campaign. Our staff will soon be taking new assignments to organize people to go to Washington from 10 key cities and 5 rural areas. This will be no mere one-day march in Washington, but a trek to the nation's capital by suffering and outraged citizens

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"who will go to stay until some definite and positive action is taken to provide jobs and income for the poor.

"We are sending our staff into these key areas to meet with the local leadership of these areas to discuss their readiness to cooperate with us in this venture.

"In the coming weeks we will disclose our detailed plans on mobilizing this massive campaign, and on the specific proposals which we are formulating.

"Today I would like to tell you why the Southern Christian Leadership Conference has decided to undertake this task with the advice and participation we anticipate from other organizations and thousands of individuals.

"America is at a crossroads of history, and it is critically important for us, a nation and a society, to choose a new path and move upon it with resolution and courage.

"It is impossible to under-estimate the crisis we face in America. The stability of a civilization, the potential of free government, and the simple honor of men are at stake.

"Those who serve in the human-rights movement, including our Southern Christian Leadership Conference, are keenly aware of the increasing bitterness and despair and frustration that threaten the worst chaos, hatred and violence any nation has ever encountered.

"In a sense, we are already at war with and among ourselves. Affluent Americans are locked into suburbs of physical comfort and mental insecurity; poor Americans are locked inside ghettos of material privation and spiritual debilitation; and all of us can almost feel the presence of a kind of social insanity which could lead to national ruin.

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"Consider, for example, the spectacle of cities burning while the national government speaks of repression instead of rehabilitation. Or think of children starving in Mississippi while prosperous farmers are rewarded for not producing food. Or Negro mothers leaving children in tenements to work in neighborhoods where people of color can not live. Or the awesome bombardment, already greater than the munitions we exploded in World II, against a small Asian land, while political brokers de-escalate and very nearly disarm a timid action against poverty. Or a nation gorged on money while millions of its citizens are denied a good education, adequate health services, decent housing, meaningful employment, and even respect, and are then told to be responsible.

"The true responsibility for the existence of these deplorable conditions lies ultimately with the larger society, and much of the immediate responsibility for removing the injustices can be laid directly at the door of the federal government.

"This is the institution which has the power to act, the resources to tap, and the duty to respond. And yet, this very government now lacks the will to make reforms which are demanded by a rising chorus across the nation. According to the Harris Poll, for example, a substantial majority of Americans believe that we must proceed at once to tear down and rebuild the slums, and a solid majority feel that everyone should have a job. Concerned leaders of industry, civil-rights organizations, labor unions and churches are joining in such groups as the new Urban Coalition to urge progressive economic measures at the national level. Many urban political leaders are ready to carry out enlightened programs if only the federal government will provide the needed financial support. Newsweek magazine recently devoted an entire issue to the problem of racism in America and set forth some sound proposals for dealing with this situation.

"I cite these facts merely to show that a clear majority in America are asking for the very things which we will demand in Washington.

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"We have learned from hard and bitter experience in our movement that our government does not move to correct a problem involving race until it is confronted directly and dramatically. It required a Selma before the fundamental right to vote was written into the federal statutes. It took a Birmingham to dramatize the economic plight of the Negro, and compel the government to act.

"Unrest among the poor of America, and particularly among Negroes, is growing rapidly. In this age of technological wizardry and political immorality, the poor are demanding that the basic need of people be met as the first priority of our domestic programs. Poor people can not long be placated by the glamour of multi-billion-dollars exploits in space. Poor people who encounter racial discrimination every day in every aspect of their lives can not be fooled by patronizing gestures and half-way promises. Poor people who are treated with derision and abuse by an economic system soon conclude with elementary logic that they have no rational interest in killing people 12,000 miles away in the name of defending that system.

"We intend to channelize the smouldering rage and frustration of Negro people in to an effective, militant and nonviolent movement of massive proportions in Washington and other areas. Similarly, we will be calling on the swelling masses of young people in this country who are disenchanted with this materialistic society, and asking them to join us in our new Washington movement. We also look for participation by representatives of the millions of non-Negro poor-Indians, Mexican-Americans, Puerto Ricans, Appalachians, and others. And we shall welcome assistance from all Americans of good will.

"And so, we have decided to go to Washington and to use any means of legitimate nonviolent protest necessary to move our nation and our government on a new course of social, economic, and political reform. As I said before, the power to initiate this reform resides in Washington. The President and the Congress have a primary responsibility for low minimum wages, for a degrading system of inadequate welfare, for subsidies of the rich and unemployment and under-

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"employment of the poor, for a war mentality, for slums and starvation, and racism. The survival of a free society depends upon the guarantee and survival of freedom and equality. This is what we seek.

"In the final analysis, SCLC decided to go to Washington because, if we did not act, we would be abdicating our responsibilities as an organization committed to nonviolence and freedom. We are keeping that commitment, and we shall call on America to join us in our forthcoming Washington campaign. In this way, we can work creatively against the despair and indifference that have so often caused our nation to be immobilized during the cold winter and shaken profoundly in the hot summer."

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Copies of this memorandum are being disseminated to United States Secret Service, Miami; United States Attorney, Miami; 111th M. I. Group, Miami and Orlando, Florida; OSI, Robins Air Force Base, Georgia, and NISO, Charleston, South Carolina.

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Memorandum

TO : The Director

DATE: Feb. 5, 1968

FROM : N. P. Callahan

SUBJECT: The Congressional Record

Page 1403. Senator Byrd, (D) West Virginia, placed in the Congressional Record an article from the Washington Post entitled "Carmichael Due To Run". The article advised that Steno Carmichael and Martin Luther King would meet to consider combining forces for the civil disobedience and non-violence campaign on Congress planned for April. Mr. Byrd stated that he was concerned, Mr. President, that the presence of Carmichael in Washington was a menace for the future. That King would consider joining forces with the man who advocates burning America down tells us something about the civil rights episode of "nonviolence," too, I think."

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TO : The Director

FROM : N. P. Callahan

SUBJECT: The Congressional Record

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Pages S1237-S1238. Senator Byrd, (D) West Virginia, placed in the Record an editorial entitled "Reverend King Stirrs More Trouble" which appeared in the Wheeling News-Register of February 12. This editorial stated "How much longer can the Rev. Martin Luther King get away with this masquerade in which he seeks to portray himself as the leader of 'nonviolent' protest in this country? . . . The politicians and government leaders had better stop pampering Mr. King and others like him and begin speaking out against those who would bring more violence and lawlessness to our country. It is time for President Johnson to take a hard, tough line ~~with these rabble-rousers who advocate anarchy.~~"

Pages S1220-S1224, S1229-S1230 and S1232. Senator Byrd, (D) West Virginia, requested to have printed in the Record a statement by J. R. Wiggins on the theory and practice of dissent in the United States given before the Churchman's Washington Seminar of the National Council of Churches of Christ. During these remarks, Mr. Wiggins pointed out that "World War I started a new era in the history of dissent in the United States. . . . Once again, the draft and its enforcement, produced a flood of dispute and dissension Secretary of War Baker informed the Attorney General that there were 308,489 known desertions on June 10, 1918. On Sept. 3, 1918, the FBI attempted a roundup of slackers and in three days seized 50,000 men in theaters, restaurants, street cars, railway stations and pool halls and street corners." Mr. Byrd also placed in the Record an article from the Washington Post of February 11 entitled "Is King's Nonviolence Now Old Fashioned" written by Robert C. Maynard and an article from the February 9 issue of the same paper written by Jean White entitled "Asks Help For Poor: Businessmen Hear King Plea." These articles comment on the demonstrations planned by King to be held in Washington in April.

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copies of LHM regarding KING'S visit to Jackson 2/15/68;
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Will report developments regarding travels of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. and associates. u

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SPRINGFIELD

AT SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS

Will determine owner of late model brown Cadillac bearing Illinois license 225-058. u

JACKSON

AT JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI

1. Will follow developments regarding meeting scheduled for 3/3/68 at Mt. Beulah, Miss. regarding Washington Spring Project, (WSP). u

2. Will follow other developments regarding WSP as pertinent to Mississippi. u

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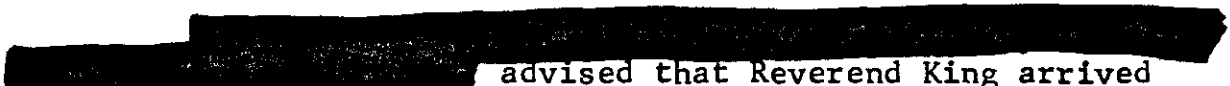
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Appropriate local, state, and federal authorities were immediately advised by Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) of the pending arrival of Reverend King at Jackson.



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advised that Reverend King arrived at Thompson Airport at Jackson, Mississippi at 10:20 AM, on February 15, 1968 from Atlanta, Georgia. King was accompanied in a private Cessna Aircraft by two Negro males, Hosea Williams and Bernard Lee, aides of King's. Also accompanying King on his private plane, in addition to the pilot and co-pilot were Associated Press reporter Don Mc Kee of Atlanta, Georgia, Jose Y. Glesias, reporter with the New York Times Sunday Magazine and two cameramen from the National Education Television group, San Francisco, California. said these latter four individuals were white males.

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[REDACTED] the group was met by Leon Hall and R. B. Cottonreader, Negro male, Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) leaders from Grenada, Mississippi and two unidentified Negroes, one female and one male. U b7(D)

[REDACTED] the group then entered two automobiles, a 1967 blue Ford, bearing Mississippi license H-32681 and a 1968 yellow Ford, bearing Mississippi license H-45322. He said King rode in the yellow Ford. He said the group arrived at Jackson at 10:20 AM and departed the airport at 10:45 AM. U b7(D)

[REDACTED] advised that Mississippi license H-32681 is registered for a 1967 Ford, Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) 7U53C145757 to the Lawyers' Committee, 233 North Farish Street, Jackson, Mississippi. She said Mississippi license H-45322 is registered for a 1968 Ford, VIN 8US6F125108 to Hertz-Rent-A-Car, Jackson, Mississippi. U b7(C)

[REDACTED], advised that a 1968 Ford, Mississippi license H-45322 was rented on February 14, 1968 to Reverend A. J. Young, SCLC, 334 Auburn Avenue, Atlanta, Georgia. He said the auto was rented at the airport office of Hertz and was returned to that office on the morning of February 16, 1968. U b7(C)

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A characterization of Hosea Williams appears in the appendix of this document. u

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advised that he determined that Reverend King was transported to Jackson in an aircraft rented from the Atlanta Air Taxi, Post Office Box 20658, Atlanta, Georgia. u

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He said the plane is a Cessna 406 twin engine plane, color white, with black stripes. He said the plain bears Number N3223Q. u

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advised that Reverend King and his party, upon leaving the Jackson airport, drove directly to the Mt. Beulah Center, at Edwards, Mississippi, a distance of about 20 miles west of Jackson. He said they arrived at Mt. Beulah at 11:35 AM. u

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advised that Reverend King departed the Mt. Beulah Center at 2:31 PM in the previously described yellow 1968 Ford. He said Reverend King was accompanied by another car, a late model brown Cadillac, bearing Illinois license 225-058. He said these two cars then proceeded to the Edwards Junior High School at Edwards, Mississippi where the school children had been lined up outside of the school on a play ground. He said Reverend King dismounted his car, greeted the children, shook hands with a few of them and then got back in his car and departed. Bethea said this school is a Negro public school in Edwards. u

[REDACTED] said King then proceeded directly from Edwards, Mississippi to the Thompson Airport at Jackson, Mississippi, arriving at 3:30 PM. b7(D) u

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advised that King would be leaving Jackson for Birmingham, Alabama where he expected to make several stops and then was to visit Montgomery, Alabama thereafter. u

[REDACTED] advised that Reverend King and his party departed Jackson in the same private aircraft they arrived in, at 4:35 PM on this same date. b7(D) u

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advised there were no incidents regarding Reverend King's visit to Jackson on this date. u

Appropriate local, state and federal authorities were advised of Reverend King's departure and pertinent details regarding his visit as they were received. u

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Reference Letterhead memorandum dated
 February 16, 1968 at Jackson.

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- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
 - 1 - Mr. W. C. Sullivan
 - 1 - Mr. Bishop
 - 1 - Mr. Morley
 - 1 - Mr. G. C. Moore
 - 1 - Mr. D. M. Wells
- February 21, 1968

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The following information has been supplied by
confidential sources of this Bureau who have furnished
reliable information in the past.

Martin Luther King, Jr., President, Southern
Christian Leadership Conference, is holding the first of
two workshops to train Negro ministers in urban leadership
from February 19 through 23, 1968, at Miami, Florida. He
has invited approximately 150 Negro ministers throughout
the Nation to attend this meeting at the plush new Sheraton -
Four Ambassadors Hotel.

The Ford Foundation recently gave King's organiza-
tion a \$230,000 grant to hold these workshops in an effort to
develop responsible leadership in the Negro ghetto areas of
the Nation's major cities.

It has been determined that King's massive civil
disobedience campaign, which he calls the "Washington Spring
Project," will be discussed at this workshop.

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MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

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SECRET SERVICE; AG; DAG; AAGs POLLAK, YEAGLEY AND VINSON;
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NOTE:

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See cover memorandum G. C. Moore to W. C. Sullivan, dated 2/20/68, captioned as above, prepared by DMW:lmr.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

Mr. W. C. Sullivan

G. C. Moore

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
SECURITY MATTER - COMMUNIST

- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. W. C. Sullivan
- 1 - Mr. Bishop

DATE: 2/20/68

- 1 - Mr. Morley
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PURPOSE:

Attached for your approval for dissemination are copies of a communication containing information concerning the progress of Martin Luther King, Jr., President, Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), to organize a massive civil disobedience campaign in Washington, D. C., in the Spring of 1968.

BACKGROUND:

King in the past has publicly announced he will conduct a massive civil disobedience campaign he calls the "Washington Spring Project" in early April, 1968, to pressure Congress into passing legislation favorable to the Negro.

RECENT DEVELOPMENTS:

King is currently holding the first of two workshops from 2/19-23/68 at Miami, Florida. He has invited approximately 150 Negro ministers throughout the nation to attend this meeting. The Ford Foundation recently gave King's organization a \$230,000 grant to hold these workshops in an effort to develop responsible leadership in the Negro ghetto areas of the nation's major cities. It has been determined that King plans to discuss the Washington Spring Project at this workshop.

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Memorandum G. C. Moore to W. C. Sullivan
RE: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

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King appears to be concentrating his attention on the South where he has chartered a small twin-engine aircraft to help speed him about urging people to support his campaign.

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RECOMMENDATION:

That copies of the enclosures be forwarded to Mrs. Mildred Stegall at the White House; Mr. William Welsh, Administrative Assistant to the Vice President; Secretary of Agriculture Freeman; Secretary of Labor Wirtz; Secretary of Defense; Secret Service; the Attorney General; the Deputy Attorney General; Assistant Attorneys General Pollak, Yeagley, and Vinson; the Inter-Division Information Unit of the Department; and to the Departments of Army; Navy; and Air Force.

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

February 21, 1968

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MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

The following information has been supplied by
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reliable information in the past.

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tion a \$230,000 grant to hold these workshops in an effort to
develop responsible leadership in the Negro ghetto areas of
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MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

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This past week King concentrated his attention on the South and spoke at rather large gatherings in Birmingham, Montgomery, and Selma, Alabama.

King has chartered a small twin-engine aircraft to help speed him about the South urging people to support his Washington Spring Project:

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In this connection, the "Miami Herald" newspaper on February 18, 1968, reported that some Negro leaders will urge King to detour his planned massive civil disobedience demonstration scheduled for April, 1968, in Washington, D. C., and redirect the demonstrators to the local districts of Congressmen who have voted against civil rights legislation. These leaders feel that Congressmen do not care what happens in Washington, D. C., but they would feel the impact of these demonstrations in their home districts.

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FROM: SAC, MIAMI (157-2354) (P)

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RACIAL MATTERS

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In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Miami, Florida
February 21, 1968

RE: WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT

[REDACTED] b7(D),
[REDACTED], stated February 21, 1968, that they attended workshop meetings and a general meeting on February 20, 1968. There was no discussion at these meetings relative to the Washington Spring Project. The meetings generally related to the Ministers Leadership Training Program, as outlined in a leaflet distributed to the delegates.

[REDACTED] estimated 20 Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) members among the delegates. He said most of the delegates are ministers from various sections of the United States.

[REDACTED] stated a press conference was held February 20, 1968, with Dr. ANDREW YOUNG and Reverend T. Y. ROGERS, JR., answering most of the questions. Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING was not present at the press conference and has not been seen at the Sheraton Four Ambassadors Hotel by any of the security and hotel personnel on February 20, 1968, and the morning of February 21, 1968. b7(D)

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The group of ministers attending was broken up into workshop units of approximately nine or ten ministers each. Each group had a leader who directed the activities of his workshop.

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The main topic of discussion was, however, "operation bread basket" which is to be put into effect by the ministers when they return to their respective cities. This project is to bring economic pressure upon the white business community in order to secure better jobs, better housing, more pay and to generally improve the conditions of the Negroes in the large ghetto areas.

This project will take the form of a coordinated, concerted effort to bring economic pressure and efforts will be made to coordinate this program throughout the country so that economic pressure can be brought on some specific segment of the economy on a national basis. An example was given wherein picketing and demonstrations could occur simultaneously at a business enterprise such as "Coca Cola" so that on a pre-arranged date and time, pickets and

RE: WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT

demonstrators would appear simultaneously at concerns operated by Coca Cola or any other similar business throughout the country.

There has been no discussion of the Washington Spring Project and the conference is moving along smoothly with no discussion of any expected violence or disturbances which might possibly lead to violence.

Former Senator HARRY P. CAIN (formerly from Washington State, now residing in Miami, Florida) who has offices in the executive suite of the First Federal Savings and Loan Association office building, Miami, Florida, telephonically contacted the Miami Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation on February 21, 1968. Senator CAIN advised that he is chairman of the Community Relations Board for Dade County, Florida, and was contacted by two individuals who stated they were aides of Reverend MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. These aides stated that Reverend KING desired to meet with a small representative group of Miami people involved with the Community Relations Board in order that he might explain in detail what his programs would be for the coming months.

Senator CAIN reported that he was arranging such a meeting and he expects to have approximately forty community leaders present, including representatives from all local newspapers. He stated that the meeting was not for the purpose of obtaining a news story and those attending would be so advised. Senator CAIN reported that the meeting will be held at 12:15 PM, February 22, 1968, in the Terrace Room of the DuPont Plaza Hotel.

Copies of this memorandum are being disseminated to the United States Secret Service, Miami; United States Attorney, Miami; 111th M. I. Group, Miami and Orlando, Florida; OSI, Robins Air Force Base, Georgia, and NISO, Charleston, South Carolina.

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*In Reply, Please Refer to
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Miami, Florida
February 21, 1968

Title WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT

Character RACIAL MATTERS

Reference is made to memorandum, dated
 and captioned as above, at
 Miami, Florida.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : The Director

FROM : N. P. Callahan

DATE: 2/13/68

SUBJECT: _____

Pages H1039-H1040. Congressman Herlong, (D) Florida, spoke concerning the demonstration planned by Martin Luther King to be held in Washington this summer. He stated "As is his usual policy, the Reverend King plausibly pontificates that this is going to be a nonviolent demonstration; he also states that there will be civil disobedience. As is usually the case wherever one of these so-called nonviolent demonstrations is organized, it will result in violence. When this happens, King will sanctimoniously retreat to his ivory tower, after having ignited the fires that cause violence, and say he could not help it; it got out of hand. - - - Civil disobedience should be, and I submit is, in the same category as criminal disobedience - - - we have been warned before and suffered the consequences because we failed to heed those warnings. Is history going to repeat itself in Washington this summer?" Congressman Haley, (D) Florida, joined in the remarks and stated "It is about time that we in this Nation, and especially here in the Nation's Capital, back up our law enforcement officers when we call upon them to protect people who walk the streets of our cities." Congressman Abernethy, (D) Mississippi, agreed with the remarks of Herlong and Haley and added "I would like to say that in my opinion the metropolitan police of the District of Columbia will do a good job, more particularly, if they have the support of the President of the United States, and the Department of Justice, and of the Congress."

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In the original of a memorandum captioned and dated as above, the Congressional Record for 2-12-68 was reviewed and pertinent items were marked for the Director's attention. This form has been prepared in order that portions of a copy of the original memorandum may be clipped, mounted, and placed in appropriate file or subject matter files.

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Date: 2/7/68

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI
 FROM : SAC, CHICAGO
 SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
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 (CG File 100-35356)

POSSIBLE RACIAL INCIDENTS
 DURING DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION,
 INTERNATIONAL AMPHITHEATRE,
 CHICAGO, ILLINOIS,
 AUGUST, 1968

RM
 (OO: CHICAGO)
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Re Chicago teletype dated 2/5/68, captioned as
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Chicago is following and any subsequent, pertinent information will be appropriately provided the Bureau and any interested offices.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Chicago, Illinois
February 7, 1968

In Reply, Please Refer to

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MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

POSSIBLE RACIAL INCIDENTS
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CHICAGO, ILLINOIS,
AUGUST, 1968
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advised that Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., President, Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), headquartered in Atlanta, Georgia, had arrived in Chicago at 11:20 a.m. on this date from Atlanta, via Delta Airlines Flight 614. King was accompanied by SCLC officers, Reverend Andrew Young and Reverend Ralph Abernathy. (u)

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CHICAGO, ILLINOIS,
AUGUST, 1968

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Chicago's press media, on February 5, 1968, carried articles relating to a press conference held on that date in Chicago by King. Xerox copies of articles relating to this press conference are attached to this memorandum, namely, from the "Chicago Sun Times" and the "Chicago Daily News," both daily Chicago newspapers. (u)

These articles are self-explanatory as to content; however, it might be noted that information is contained therein relating to Dr. King's possible participation in demonstrations at the Democratic National Convention, which is to be held in Chicago in August, 1968, as well as possible demonstrations on May 12, 1968, and June 30 and July 1, 1968, nationwide, by the NWRO. The latter is described in one of these articles as a new welfare organization, representing some 6,000 dues-paying welfare recipients. (u)

[REDACTED] advised on February 6, 1968, that [REDACTED] cognizant of King's presence in Chicago on February 5, 1968, and of the general content of his remarks at his press conference held on that date. He advised that no incidents or disturbances had occurred in Chicago in connection with King's presence here. (u)

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Copies of this memorandum are being provided to the following agencies:

Office of the United States Attorney, Chicago;

United States Secret Service, Chicago;

Region 1, 113th Military Intelligence Group,
Evanston, Illinois.

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King May Join Protest At Democratic Parley

By Lillian Calhoun

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. said Monday he probably will join demonstrations around the Democratic National Convention this summer in Chicago.

"I haven't made any commitment on that," he said, "but it is perfectly logical, necessary and sound for demonstrations to take place around the Democratic convention. . . . I think the Democratic convention needs to be confronted in view of the war position of the Democratic President."

Dr. King said the nation is spending "\$80 billion for death and destruction." He said his decision on Chicago would be determined by the response in Washington to his "poor people's campaign" there this summer.

Dr. King held a joint press conference with the Rev. Ralph Abernathy of his Southern Christian Leadership Conference staff and leaders of the National Welfare Rights Organization.

Dr. King said he had held fruitful discussions with Mrs. Johnnie Tilmon, NWRO chairman from Los Angeles; Dr. George Wiley, NWRO executive director, and other leaders of the group.

"We absolutely share the goals of this organization and agree with its basic purposes: jobs, income now, adequate income, justice and democra-

cy," Dr. King said.

He said SCLC and NWRO will "work closer together as we grapple with the problems of the poor."

Mrs. Tilmon said women welfare recipients from 31 states had been meeting in Chicago the last three days.

The new welfare organization plans demonstrations throughout the nation on May 12 (Mothers Day) and June 30-July 1, when new amendments affecting welfare recipients go into effect.

The demonstrations, Wiley and Dr. King said, will be aimed at forcing Congress to repeal the amendments the group considers "restrictive."

Dr. King said the mobilization of the poor in Washington "will be educational and agencies of the federal government will be the target. We must find some way to dramatize the plight of the poor."

"This may be in the form of bonus marches similar to the ones held in the 1930s or a show how poor people live," Dr. King said.

"There will be possibilities of civil disobedience," he said in reply to a question. "But we will begin by following 1st Amendment privileges. If Congress refuses to respond, the protest will take on aspects of civil disobedience."

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Dr. King Issues a Warning on Dems' Parley

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. said yesterday that he favors demonstrations during the Democratic party convention in Chicago in August if the results of his scheduled Washington demonstration fail this spring.

Dr. King, who was in Chicago to meet with leaders of the National Welfare Rights organization, said that he has no plans to come to Chicago to demonstrate, but "probably would" if Congress did not respond to his recommendations for economic programs for the poor.

"The Democratic party should be demonstrated against for its present war position and for its failure in Congress to respond to economic problems in the urban areas that are causing riots," Dr. King said at a press conference in the Y. M. C. A. hotel, 826 S. Wabash av.

Agreement Is Told

Dr. King said that he and officials of the welfare rights organization were in agreement on mass demonstrations by the poor.

The welfare organization has been meeting in Chicago for three days. Its spokesman, Dr. George Wiley, said that the organization represents about 6,000 dues-paying welfare recipients.

Freeze Is Opposed

He said that the organization will hold a nation-wide demonstration of one million mothers who are on welfare and about 4½ million of their children to voice opposition to the new social security law.

Specifically, he said, the organization opposes the federal "freeze" on state welfare roles which is to go into effect July 1, and the requirements for some recipients to put their children in foster homes and take jobs.

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Orlando, Florida - 32806

February 13, 1968

Mr. Lyndon Johnson,
President,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. President:

This may not reach your hands but I do hope that it gets read instead of going into the trash can.

I am very much concerned about the Camping-In, planned for the city of D. C. There is already enough trouble in the world.

If such an assembly is allowed, the destruction is bound to begin and no one can imagine where it would halt. Many innocent citizens would lose their lives and the burned down buildings and stores would run into millions of dollars damage. Imagine what kind of place would remain after this assembly and rioting demonstration ends.

Martin Luther King vows that if demands are not met - violent disruption will ensue. We have been warned. The "event" is only two months away.

Won't you please call a halt to these agitators before it is too late?

I pray that God will give you increased strength in bearing the heavy load you carry.

Sincerely,

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cc: F. B. I.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : W. C. Sullivan

FROM : D. Cotter

SUBJECT: PROPOSED ANTI-VIETNAM ORGANIZATION
FACT FOR PEACE"
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Reference is made to my memorandum dated 1/23/68 setting forth information received from [redacted] concerning a proposed meeting in London, England, during the latter part of February, 1968, to establish an international ad hoc organization designed to conduct a mass media campaign against the war in Vietnam. Basis of information from [redacted] was a conversation between Stanley Levison and an individual from London whose name was believed to be Sean Trivasi or, possibly, Trivalsi. Trivasi is said to have contacted Senator (Eugene) McCarthy who suggested it would be useful if he (Senator McCarthy) attended the February meeting in London. A letterhead memorandum setting forth pertinent data was furnished to the White House and other interested Government agencies.

BACKGROUND:

You will recall that Stanley Levison is presently adviser to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., President, Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), and a former member of the Communist Party, USA.

The stated purpose of Trivasi's trip to this country was to request Dr. King to sponsor the planned organization and to request both King and Dr. Benjamin Spock to attend the London meeting.

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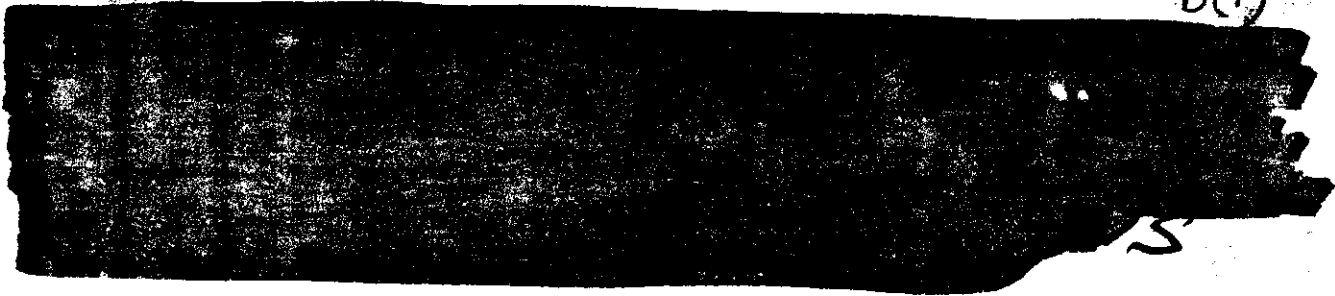
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Memorandum to Mr. W. C. Sullivan
RE: PROPOSED ANTI-VIETNAM ORGANIZATION

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OBSERVATION:

As the original information in this matter was furnished to the White House and other Government agencies, the additional data set forth above should also be given the same dissemination. *u*

RECOMMENDATION:

If you approve, attached memorandum will be sent to the White House with Xerox copies to the Attorney General, Deputy Attorney General, Secretary of State, Secretary of Defense, and the Director of the Central Intelligence Agency. *u*

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Memorandum

TO : The Director

DATE: *FEB 9, 1968*

FROM : N. P. Callahan

SUBJECT: The Congressional Record

Pages S1106-S1107. Senator Holland, (D) Florida, spoke concerning the proposed march on Washington sponsored by Martin Luther King to take place in April. He included an article from the Washington Post entitled "King Keys His Tactics to Response by Hill." Mr. Holland stated "I believe it is high time that those in official positions in Washington publicly state the laws that would govern the proposed march on Washington, - - - - .

It is inviting trouble to allow such plans to proceed without informing Dr. King of the laws that exist as well as letting him know that all necessary steps will be taken to prevent disruption of the daily working of the Government and the people of this metropolitan area. "

Pages S1200-S1201. Senator Byrd, (D) West Virginia, requested to have printed in the Record an article from the Washington Post entitled "King Keys His Tactics to Response by Hill." The article advised that King "pledged that his April poor people's campaign will begin as a peaceful and law-abiding demonstration and will 'escalate to disruptive protest' only if Congress doesn't help the poor. "

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In the original of a memorandum captioned and dated as above, the Congressional Record for *FEB. 5, 1968* was reviewed and pertinent items were marked for the Director's attention. This form has been prepared in order that portions of a copy of the original memorandum may be clipped, mounted, and placed in appropriate Bureau case or subject matter files.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-8428)
FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (157-2052)
SUBJECT: WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT
RACIAL MATTERS
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There are enclosed for the Bureau (11) eleven
copies of an LHM containing info furnished by [REDACTED] b(2)
on 2/8/68, which concerns meetings held between MARTIN b(7)(D)
LUTHER KING and SCLC representatives with black nationalist
leaders H. RAP BROWN and STOKELY CARMICHAEL.

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- 3- Atlanta (157- (Encls. 3) (RM)
 - (1- 100-5586) (M.L. KING)
 - (1- 100-5718) (COMINFIL SCLC)
- 1- Philadelphia (Encl. 1) (INFO) (RM)
- 2- Washington Field (Encls. 2) (RM)
 - 1- New York (100-111180) (STANLEY LEVISON) (#41)
 - 1- New York (100-160701) (RAP BROWN) (#43)
 - 1- New York (100-153751) (STOKELY CARMICHAEL) (#43)
 - 1- New York (100-156667) (CLERGYMEN CONCERNED) (#42)
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In Reply, Please Refer to
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New York, New York
February 9, 1968

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Racial Matters

A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, learned on February 8, 1968, that on that date William Rutherford, Executive Director of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) was in contact with Stanley Levison. Rutherford told Levison that he had been in Philadelphia attending a meeting, that there are some very important things going on in Philadelphia, and that the situation there is the best situation "we" have going. However, the source was unable to ascertain clarifying information about the situation in Philadelphia that Rutherford referred to.

The source continued that Rutherford advised Levison that the situation in Washington, D.C. was confused. He noted that they (SCLC representatives) held a couple of meetings "with Rap Brown and his commandos occupying the place with walkie talkies and bodyguards". He added that "they invaded this church and took it over. They wouldn't let people in." He said that "they" threw the press out of the meeting and that "they walked out of the meeting, disrupted it, occupied the church, and literally kept SCLC Board members out." The following morning, according to Rutherford, a picture of Stokely Carmichael appeared on the front page of the "Washington Post", captioned "Stokely Carmichael Discusses Washington Campaign with King" (Martin Luther King, President of the SCLC).

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Rutherford related that the day following the church meeting they (SCLC officials) held a private meeting "with these guys" and "lit into them". Rutherford stated that he told Stokely (Carmichael) that he, Rutherford, wanted to hear what Stokely had to say and that Stokely gave some "mealy-mouthed excuses" that did not stand up. Rutherford also noted that he told Carmichael that "these men told us" that they are interested in the total S destruction of the United States.

Levison commented that he had heard Stokely say this and Rutherford's comment was that "this is what Rap (Brown) said last night". Rutherford continued that Stokely is now "sweet as pie. He pulled a power play on us in Washington", but did not win anything because S everybody was opposing him.

Levison commented that he could not see the SCLC letting ten persons who threaten violence take over from hundreds. He described it as a dangerous thing, a kind of S black facism.

Rutherford, in referring to the meeting, related that a person named Courtland (phonetic), whom he described as having been with the Congress of Racial Equality, made the statement that "they" would not support "our campaign" in Washington, D.C., but would not participate in any opposition to it. He said this is "their whole life", that although they could not take part in something they do not believe in, even though they have trouble from their constituents, they would not oppose it because anything that leads to liberation is worthwhile. S

Rutherford said that King became very upset after this private meeting and began berating him. He said he told King that what "they" said is clear and that the SCLC knows S now where they stand, that all the SCLC wanted and needed

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"from them" was that they would not attempt to divide the community. He said "they" were honest, that "they" stated that if the SCLC fails in Washington, "we're going to get a lot of new recruits" but if the SCLC is successful "we are going to be in trouble". He recalled that at this moment King made a point, that if "they" should denounce the government, denounce the SCLC campaign and criticize it, this would create an atmosphere within which non-violence would have a better chance of succeeding. He added that Stokely responded that they have enough problems, that there is enough confusion and division in the black community, and that, if they should speak out against King or what he is doing, people will not know which way to turn. \$

Levison commented that he agreed with Carmichael and disagreed with King on this point. He inquired as to why King was upset. \$

Rutherford stated that King said the enemy was violence and began to preach on how violence begets violence. \$

Levison related that the key is that King states the enemy is violence which is not true. The enemy are the forces preventing them from getting rights and violence is one of the methods. He said that, therefore, they are trying to develop a counter technique to violence. \$

"The Worker", an East Coast Communist newspaper, in its issue dated February 11, 1968, page one, contains an article on the protest against United States involvement in the war in Vietnam in Washington, D.C. on February 5, 6, 1968, sponsored by the Clergy and Laymen Concerned About Vietnam. It states that King addressed the gathering of clergymen and laymen and told them that "it was imperative that the freedom and peace movements be joined. Describing the worsening economic conditions, he appealed to the religious leaders to join and support the demonstrations his organization has planned for Washington in April". The article also notes that King made it clear that the targets of the demonstrations would be the Vietnam war and Congress. U

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, WFO (100-47335) (P)

PROTEST ACTIVITY BY CLERGY AND
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WASHINGTON, D.C., 2/5 AND 6/68.
INFORMATION CONCERNING - IS; SSA, 1948.
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MARTIN LUTHER KING

Re WFO airtel and LHM, 2/5/68, captioned as above.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 11 copies of an LHM
concerning captioned activity on 2/6/68. Information copies
are enclosed for New York, Norfolk, Richmond, Charlotte,
Buffalo, Denver, Jacksonville, Philadelphia, Newark, Detroit,
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The LHM is being disseminated locally to AUSA, Secret Service, and interested military intelligence agencies.

The SAs who participated in the activity on the evening of 2/5/68 and on 2/6/68 were [REDACTED]

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WFO will continue to follow any further activity of captioned organization.

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Washington, D. C. 20535
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**PROTEST ACTIVITY BY CLERGY AND
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WASHINGTON, D. C., FEBRUARY 5 and 6, 1968**

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Clergy And Laymen Concerned About Vietnam (CALCAV), would hold an "Ecumenical Worship", beginning at 7:00 p.m., February 5, 1968, at the New York Avenue Presbyterian Church, Washington, D. C. (WDC). The program for the evening also included a "Report From Vietnam", and a film titled "Inside North Vietnam."

Beginning at approximately 4:00 p.m., February 5, 1968, Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) observed about 100 individuals representing the American Council of Christian Churches, Collingswood, New Jersey, picket for approximately two hours in the vicinity of the above church. These individuals carried placards supporting United States policy in Vietnam, and opposing the activity of CALCAV.

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the CALCAV sponsored a solemn religious service at the New York Avenue Presbyterian Church, WDC. The following participated in this service:

The Reverend Malcolm Boyd, writer and public lecturer

Rabbi Balfour Brickner, Director, Commission on Interfaith Activities, Union of American Hebrew Congregations

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Dr. Harvey Cox, Professor, Harvard Divinity School

**The Reverend George M. Docherty, Minister, New York
Avenue Presbyterian Church, WDC**

**Rabbi Abraham J. Heschel, Professor of Jewish Ethics
and Mysticism, The Jewish Theological Seminary of
America**

**The Reverend Channing Phillips, Minister, The Lincoln
Temple, WDC**

**Bishop James P. Shannon, Auxiliary Bishop, St. Paul -
Minneapolis**

Father John Sheerin, C.S.P., Editor, "Catholic World"

**The Reverend Andrew J. Young, Executive Vice President,
Southern Christian Leadership Conference**

**At about 9:00 p.m., February 5, 1968, Rabbi Maurice
Eisendrath, President, Union of American Hebrew Congregations,
reported on his recent trip to Vietnam, and then a film titled,
"Inside North Vietnam" by Felix Greene, an English journalist,
was shown. The entire program which ended about 11:00 p.m.,
was dignified, and stressed the desire for peace in Vietnam.**

**During the evening Reverend Richard Fernandez, Execu-
tive Secretary, CALCAV, announced that their appeal to the District
Court for the District of Columbia for permission to use the
amphitheater at Arlington National Cemetery on February 6, 1968,
for a memorial service had been denied. He said the CALCAV
realized that Arlington is not the type of place to hold a
"protest" or a "demonstration", but that they still intended
to hold a memorial service there and had chartered 40 buses.**

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On the morning of February 6, 1968, Special Agents of the FBI observed that approximately 350 to 400 people attended a plenary session on "The Religious Community and Politics, 1968" at the Lincoln Memorial Congregational Temple, 1701 11th Street, N. W., WDC, from about 9:05 a.m. until 10:30 a.m. This session was moderated by Reverend Richard Neuhaus of CALCAV.

The first speaker was Sanford Gottlieb, Executive Director of the Committee For A Sane Nuclear Policy, who felt that President Johnson is doing a poor job, and is concerned because he does not want to be the first President to lose a war. Gottlieb stated Senator Eugene McCarthy is "your" candidate, and urged support of his candidacy. He added, "Ask not what your candidate can do for you, but what you can do for your candidate."

Mr. Duff Reid, Assistant to Senator Thurston Morton, was the next speaker, and urged the election of a Republican President. He said that the war in Vietnam must be de-escalated because the United States cannot determine the course of events in Vietnam. Mr. Reid stated the Republicans are "soul searching" to determine the best possible peace candidate.

Mr. Allard Lowenstein, was introduced as an employee of Senator Eugene McCarthy. He stated President Johnson should not be re-nominated. According to Lowenstein, the President's policies are leading the country to disaster in both domestic and foreign affairs. He said that draft dodgers are courageous, and are the only people who have stood up and pointed out that the Vietnam war is wrong. Lowenstein indicated that Senator McCarthy might appreciate their courage.

On the morning of February 6, 1968, Special Agents of the FBI observed that approximately 1,200 individuals met at the New York Avenue Presbyterian Church at approximately 9:00 a.m. for a plenary session on, "The Religious Community And The Draft."

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During this session Reverend Robert Price, Columbia University, described himself as the first ordained minister ordered to report for induction because of his activity in the resistance movement. This order was later rescinded.

Mr. Ronald Young of the Fellowship For Reconciliation, stated he is the National Youth Secretary of his organization, and indicated he is under indictment in California for refusing to report for induction. He described President Johnson as a man who has not been truthful, and accused the United States of genocide. Young said the Government needs more soldiers, but that "we" will not go and will tell our friends not to go.

Mr. Flint Anderson, an organizer for The Christian Resistance on the West Coast, stated he is due to report for induction on February 7, 1968. He said there are fifty or more resistance groups in the country, and that about 2,000 men have placed themselves in a position of non-cooperation with the Selective Service System.

Anderson said that those who have burned their draft cards are not saying I am now rid of that damnable piece of paper, but are trying to say that the church should gird up its loins and move against this evil. He said that the war has escalated and is bringing more injustices. Anderson also questioned President Johnson's credibility in that he allegedly says one thing and does another.

Reverend William S. Coffin, Chaplain, Yale University, then spoke of the draft laws, and said, "legality is not morality." He said a minister can counsel individuals to obey their conscience, but cannot counsel them to disobey the law.

Reverend Coffin was interrupted by Reverend Carl McIntyre of the International Council of Christian Churches who asked to speak. Reverend McIntyre stated he had been

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defrocked as a Presbyterian minister because he wanted to be ruled by God, not by human beings. He told those present they must follow their conscience, follow the word of God.

This session ended at about 10:30 a.m., and those present prepared to depart by chartered buses for Arlington National Cemetery where they would observe a short, silent memorial service for those who have died in Vietnam.

At about 11:30 a.m., February 6, 1968, SAs of the FBI observed an estimated 1,000 to 1,500 arrive by chartered buses in a parking area at Arlington National Cemetery from the Lincoln Temple and the New York Avenue Presbyterian Church, WDC. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, arrived at approximately 11:45 a.m., and led the silent group to the base of the steps below the Tomb Of The Unknown Soldier. Each of the participants carried a small United States flag.

At the Tomb, Dr. King said, "In this moment of complete silence, let us pray." The group remained silent for about ten minutes, and then returned to their buses for transportation to the New York Avenue Presbyterian Church.

Beginning at about 1:30 p.m., February 6, 1968, Dr. King spoke to the group for approximately 30 minutes at the above church. Dr. King spoke regarding the Administration's policies concerning the war in Vietnam and the war on poverty. He said that the war is a tragic expression of the spiritual lag of America. The war has strengthened a military complex in America, and has increased the tensions between the races and other nations. He said the strongest nation in the world is at war with a small colored nation, and that this war has played havoc with our domestic destinies. We are losing both the unjust war in Vietnam and the war on poverty.

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Dr. King said those working in the civil rights movement should also be working for peace and justice. Regarding the poor, Dr. King said that when white people are poor it is called an economic depression, but that when Negroes are poor it is called a social ill. He called for a "Selma-type" movement to bear on the problems of the poor of all races, a movement so dramatic that Congressional attention will be gained. Dr. King stated that Negro unemployment in the United States is more staggering than the unemployment of the 1930's. He also stated that Congress is the cause of the riots in America.

Dr. King also said he is not a "consensus leader", that he does not determine what is right or wrong by taking a Gallop poll. He said that a leader is a molder of the consensus of opinion. Dr. King also said, "I will give you my commitment. I intend to keep on marching."

Dr. King concluded his speech at about 2:00 p.m., and departed from the church.

The next speaker, Ossie Davis, was introduced as a layman from a Baptist Church in Mt. Vernon, New York. He stated that Congress represents the will of the people, and agreed with Dr. King that Congress has caused the riots, not the Negro people. He said the alums are paying for the war in Vietnam, and that we must stop the war and apply the money to the problems in our cities. Davis added that money is not the entire problem, and that the Negro needs to be given a sense of dignity.

A Reverend Thomas Hayes, not further identified, announced that he would lead a small delegation to the Department of Justice to present a certificate of support for the activity of CALCAV obtained at this conference and in several cities. He said that at the same time several Selective Service "Certificates" would be turned in.

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Reverend Coffin, previously mentioned, ended the two-day conference at approximately 2:50 p.m. Concerning the Johnson Administration he quoted a passage of scripture as, "You corrupted your wisdom for the sake of your splendor." He said we are in crucial times, the turning points in history, and that the law belongs to man, not man to the law.

From 3:25 p.m. until approximately 3:50 p.m., February 6, 1968, the following representatives of the CALCAV met with two representatives of the Department of Justice, WDC.

Rabbi Barry Friedman, 1587 Mallord Drive, Mayfield Heights, Ohio. Associate Rabbi, Fairmount Temple

Reverend John Huhn, Associate Pastor, St. Joseph's Catholic Church, 61 North 23rd Street, Battle Creek, Michigan

Vincent McGee, Jr., Union Theological Seminary, 600 West 122nd Street, New York, New York (N. Y.)

Reverend Henry Butcher, University Church Movamant, 475 Riverside Drive, New York, N. Y.

Reverend Thomas Hayes, Director, Episcopal Peace Fellowship, 229 East 59th Street, New York, N. Y.

These individuals presented the Justice representatives with a large scroll signed by supporters of the CALCAV, and other anti-draft and anti-war activity, and other miscellaneous literature pertaining to these movements.

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advised there were no arrests or other incidents during the CALCAV activity on that date.

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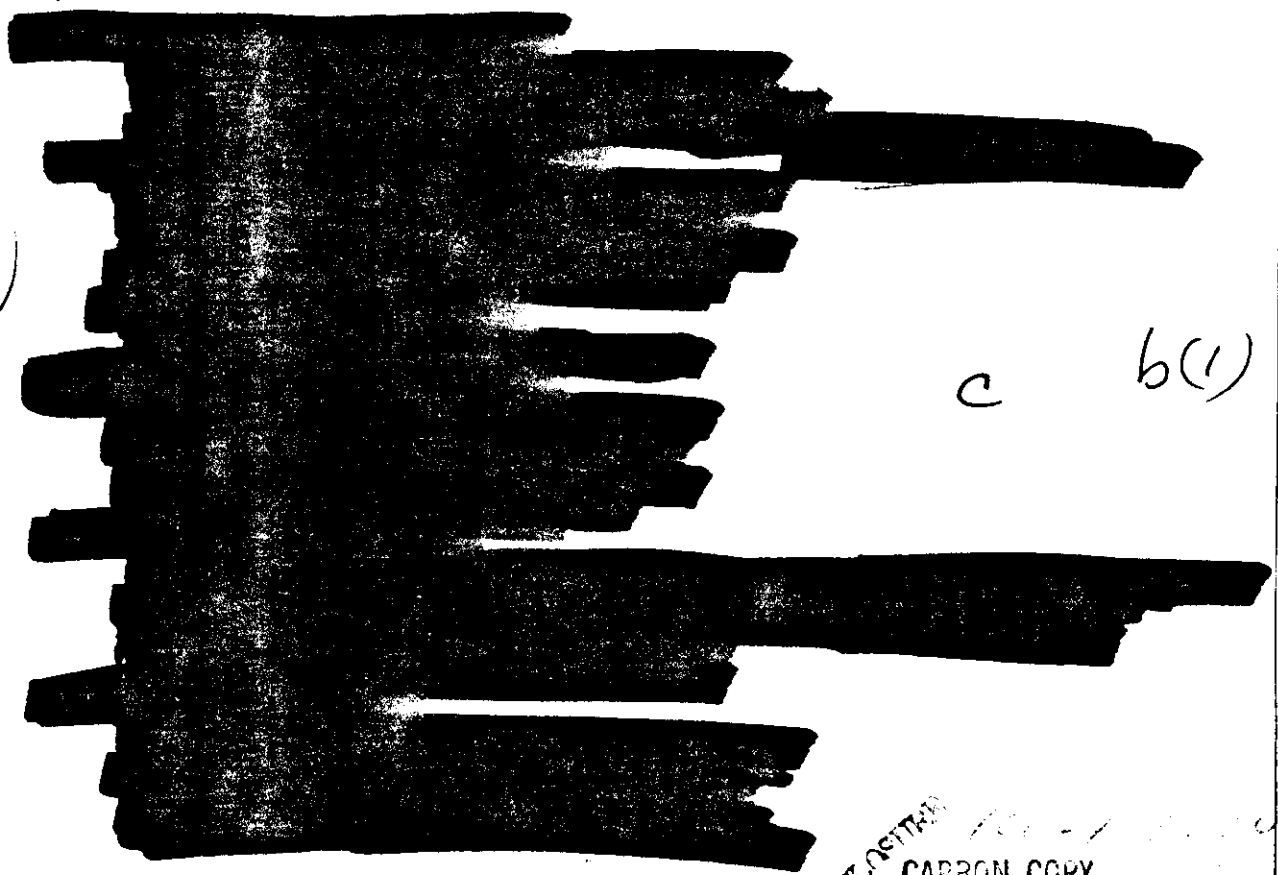
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (157-2474) (P)

SUBJECT: WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT (WSP)
RACIAL MATTER
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Re Chicago airtel and LHM dated 2/2/68.



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FBI BIRMGHAM

1131PM URGENT 2-15-68 HEP

TO DIRECTOR, ATLANTA, MOBILE
FROM BIRMINGHAM 2P

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MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. SM - C. BUFILE ONE HUNDRED - ONE
ZERO SIX SIX SEVEN ZERO.

WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT. RM. BUFILE ONE FIFTYSEVEN - EIGHT
FOUR TWO EIGHT.

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION ASCERTAINED FROM [REDACTED]

b7(D)

AT EIGHT PM INSTANT DATE MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., ADDRESSED A
GROUP OF SIX HUNDRED MEMBERS OF THE ALABAMA CHRISTIAN MOVEMENT FOR
HUMAN RIGHTS (ACMHR) AT ST. PAUL'S AME CHURCH, BIRMINGHAM. KING
ENCOURAGED THOSE PRESENT TO SUPPORT THE WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT.

AFTER KING'S SPEECH, THE MEETING ADJOURNED WITHOUT INCIDENT. KING
INFORMED THE PRESS THAT HE WOULD STOP OVERNIGHT AT BIRMINGHAM AND
FLY TO MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA, TOMORROW MORNING AT NINE AM.

[REDACTED] SOURCES PRESENT AT ACMR MEETING TONIGHT.

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AND THEY WILL SUBMIT REPORTS REFLECTING DETAILS.

BIRMINGHAM WILL FOLLOW AND REPORT ANY PERTINENT DETAILS.

BIRMINGHAM WILL ADVISE RE KING'S ACTUAL DEPARTURE.

LHM TO FOLLOW.

END

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TO DIRECTOR (100-106670) WFO ATLANTA (100-5586) NEW YORK

(100-136585) WFO VIA WASHINGTON

FROM CHICAGO (100-35356) (P) (157-2410) (P) 3P

MARTIN LUTHER KING; SM-C OO: ATLANTA

POSSIBLE RACIAL INCIDENTS DURING DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION,

INTERNATIONAL AMPHITHEATRE, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, AUGUST, NINETEEN

SIXTY EIGHT RM OO: CHICAGO

CONFIDENTIAL SOURCES RELIABLE IN PAST, ADVISED FEBRUARY
FIVE INSTANT AS FOLLOWS: EX 101

KING ARRIVED CHICAGO ELEVEN TWENTY AM, FEBRUARY FIVE INSTANT
VIA DELTA FLIGHT SIX FOUR TWO FROM ATLANTA, ACCOMPANIED BY
REVERENDS ANDREW YOUNG AND RALPH ABERNATHY, BOTH WITH SOUTHERN
CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE. KING IN CHICAGO, IN PART,
TO MEET WITH GEORGE WILEY OF NEW YORK CITY, OF GROUP CALLED
NATIONAL WELFARE RIGHTS ORGANIZATION (NWRO), HEADQUARTERED IN
WASHINGTON, D.C. WILEY REPORTEDLY AT RECENT WASHINGTON SPRING

PROJECT (WSP) MEETING, NEW YORK CITY, JANUARY THIRTY ONE -
FEBRUARY THREE LAST, WHERE REFUSED TO BE PART OF WSP. KING TO
ATTEMPT TO ENLIST WILEY'S SUPPORT IN MEETING VARIOUS WELFARE
GROUPS.

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KING HAD NO PUBLIC APPEARANCES, EVENING FEBRUARY FIVE INSTANT. KING STAYING WITH CHAUNCEY ESKRIDGE, SCLC LEGAL COUNSELOR, WHILE HERE. NO INFO RE KING'S DEPARTURE PLANS AVAILABLE. (u)

KING DID NOT APPEAR CHICAGO, FEBRUARY TWO LAST, ALTHOUGH WAS EXPECTED AS SPEAKER THAT DATE AT MEETING WEST SIDE ORGANIZATION, WEST SIDE CHICAGO CIVIL RIGHTS GROUP. (u)

JOINT PRESS CONFERENCE THIS DATE CHICAGO OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, REVEREND RALPH ABERNATHY OF SCLC AND LEADERS OF NWRO. KING STATED PROBABILITY OF JOINING IN DEMONSTRATIONS AROUND DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL CONVENTION THIS SUMMER IN CHICAGO. STATED NO COMMITMENT MADE TO DATE HOWEVER FEELS IT LOGICAL TO CONFRONT CONVENTION IN VIEW OF WAR POSITION OF DEMOCRATIC PRESIDENT. KING SAID HIS DECISION ON CHICAGO DEPENDENT ON WASHINGTON'S RESPONSE RE HIS "POOR PEOPLES CAMPAIGN" THIS SUMMER. (u)

KING FURTHER STATED AT CONFERENCE HE HAD FRUITFUL DISCUSSION WITH MRS. JOHNNIE TILMON, NWRO CHAIRMAN FROM LOS ANGELES AND DR. GEORGE WILEY, NWRO EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND OTHER LEADERS OF NWRO. STATED SCLC AND NWRO AGREE IN BASIC PRINCIPLES SUCH AS JOBS, INCOME, JUSTICE AND DEMOCRACY AND WILL WORK CLOSER TOGETHER. NWRO PLANS DEMONSTRATIONS THROUGHOUT NATION ON MAY

END PAGE TWO

PAGE THREE (100-35356) (157-2410)

TWELVE NEXT, JUNE THIRTY NEXT AND JULY ONE NEXT WHEN NEW
AMENDMENTS AFFECTING WELFARE RECIPIENTS GO INTO EFFECT. PURPOSE
OF DEMONSTRATIONS WILEY AND KING SAID IS TO FORCE CONGRESS TO
REPEAL AMENDMENTS GROUPS CONSIDER RESTRICTIVE. KING STATED
CIVIL DISOBEDIENCE MAY OCCUR AT DEMONSTRATIONS. CHICAGO PD
COGNIZANT. (u)

ADMINISTRATIVE

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CHICAGO FOLLOWING AND ANY PERTINENT INFORMATION WILL BE
PROVIDED BUREAU AND INTERESTED OFFICES. LHM FOLLOWS KING'S
DEPARTURE. MILITARY ADVISED. LHM TO SECRET SERVICE AND USA.
AIRTEL WITH LHM WILL ALSO BE FURNISHED LOS ANGELES. NEW CASE
BEING OPENED UNDER NWRO TO FOLLOW DEMONSTRATIONS MENTIONED. //

END (u)

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cc - Mr. Trainor

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FBI BIRMGHAM

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TO DIRECTOR, ATLANTA AND MOBILE
FROM BIRMINGHAM 157-3236

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TWO EIGHT.

RE BIRMINGHAM TEL CALL TO MO INSTANT DATE.

AT TEN AM INSTANT DATE MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., HOSEA WILLIAMS,
BERNARD LEE, AND SEVERAL MEMBERS OF THE NEWS MEDIA, DEPARTED BH
AIRPORT FOR MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA. BEFORE HIS DEPARTURE, KING ADVISED
MEMBERS OF BIRMINGHAM POLICE DEPARTMENT THAT HE INTENDS TO FLY TO
MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA, THIS MORNING, THEREAFTER WILL DRIVE TO
PRATTVILLE, ALABAMA, TO SPEAK TO A GROUP IN REGARD TO WASHINGTON
SPRING PROJECT AND THEN RETURN TO MONTGOMERY. THEREAFTER, KING
INTENDS TO FLY TO SELMA, ALABAMA, AND THEN RETURN BY AIRPLANE TO
ATLANTA, ETA, FOUR THIRTY PM TODAY.

END

BGM

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MR. SULLIVAN

MR. DELOACH FOR THE DIRECTOR

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TO DIRECTOR, ATLANTA AND BIRMINGHAM
FROM MOBILE 100-1472

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SIX SEVEN ZERO.

WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT. RM. BUFILE ONE FIFTYSEVEN- EIGHT
FOUR TWO EIGHT.

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., MADE SPEECH BEFORE GROUP OF ESTIMATED
ONE HUNDRED FIFTY TO TWO HUNDRED PERSONS IN MAGGIE ST. BAPTIST
CHURCH, MONTGOMERY, ALA. THIS DATE IN WHICH HE CALLED FOR PHYSICAL
AND FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT.

DEPARTED MONTGOMERY BY PRIVATE PLANE FIVE P.M. IN ROUTE ATLANTA.

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cc: Mr. Tamm

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Date: 2/15/68

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TO: Director, FBI (100-106670)

FROM: SAC, Detroit (100-31418)

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
SM - C

[REDACTED] advised on 2/15/68 that MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. will arrive at Detroit Metropolitan Airport on 2/16/68 via Delta Airlines. [REDACTED] stated that KING is scheduled to appear at Cobo Hall, Detroit, on 2/16/68 as a speaker and will share the platform with ARETHA FRANKLIN, nationally known entertainer. KING has made arrangements to stay at the Ponchatrain Hotel, Detroit, and will depart Detroit in the AM of 2/17/68, destination and itinerary unknown at this time.

LHM will follow.

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6070 R. J. [signature]

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B. B. Bishop

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February 16, 1968

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Wilmington, Delaware 19803

Dear [REDACTED]

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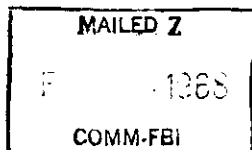
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Mr. Hoover received your letter of February 12th
and asked me to advise you that he appreciates the interest which
prompted you to furnish him your comments.

Sincerely yours,

Helen Gandy

Helen W. Gandy
Secretary



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NOTE: Bufiles disclose prior correspondence with [REDACTED] By
outgoing 12-11-67 his letter of 12-6-67 was acknowledged and he was
informed the FBI does not determine whether prosecutive action will
be undertaken in any situation. His letter of 12-6-67 set forth various
comments concerning Stokely Carmichael. A copy of [REDACTED]
12-6-67 communication was forwarded to the Attorney General. In
view of the tenor of [REDACTED] letter, it is believed this is an appropriate
reply.

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February 12, 1968

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Re: Martin Luther King

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Dear Mr. Hoover:

If our Communist infested government allows this power hungry, evil black devil, posing in a dirty black cloth of Christianity, to carry through his summer marches and sit-ins in Washington, D. C., then the President is the biggest jackass I've ever known.

This so-called minister is a bigot, rabble rouser, Communist bedfellow, and an anti-American screwball. He knows that the Negro must go to work and start at the bottom, just like I did. He knows that many Negroes are shifters and truly don't want to work. He knows that many Negroes are too unconcerned to stay in school and college. He knows that many Negroes are free-loaders and do not pay taxes, and that the Negro won't help his "soul" brothers and sisters. The Negro has done very little to help his neighbors or his country.

Guaranteed wages for Negroes is sickening. Did they help to pay the cost in taxes? Did they try to stay at a job? Did they look for or care to find a job? These free-loaders are only undermining our country and hurting those who truly need help and aid.

Martin Luther King, Stokely Carmichael, and Rap Brown should be penalized before their plans of militant rebellion can overthrow our cherished Democracy. They are being financed, backed, and pushed by the Communist infiltrators from Russia and China.

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I remain,
Very sincerely,

[REDACTED]

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Miss Gandy Reply
2-16-68
H. K. [unclear]

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Memorandum

TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

FROM : G. C. Moore *hc*

SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
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PURPOSE:

Attached for your approval for dissemination are copies of a communication containing information concerning a conference between an advisor and an aide of Martin Luther King, Jr., President, Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), discussing ways of raising funds for King's massive civil disobedience campaign this spring. *S*

BACKGROUND:

King in the past has publicly announced he will conduct a massive civil disobedience campaign which he calls the "Washington Spring Project" in early April, 1968, to pressure Congress into passing legislation favorable to the Negroes. *u*

RECENT DEVELOPMENTS

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It should be noted that Harry Belafonte, prior to coming into prominence, was a member of the Young Communist League (YCL). The YCL has been designated pursuant to ~~Executive Order 10450~~ Executive Order 10450.

RECOMMENDATION:

That copies of the enclosure be forwarded to Mrs. Mildred Stegall at the White House; Mr. William Welsh, Administrative Assistant to the Vice President; Secretary of Agriculture Freeman; Secretary of Labor Wirtz; Secretary of Defense; Secret Service; the Attorney General; the Deputy Attorney General; Assistant Attorney's General Pollak, Yeagley and Vinson; the Inter-Division Information Unit of the Department; and the Departments of Army, Navy and Air Force. U

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TO DIRECTOR AND ATLANTA, BIRMINGHAM, AND MOBILE
FROM JACKSON (157-9097) (P)

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. SM - C. BUFILE ONE HUNDRED DASH ONE
ZERO SIX SIX SEVEN ZERO.

WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT. RM. BUFILE ONE FIFTYSEVEN DASH EIGHT
FOUR TWO EIGHT.

RE JN PHONE CALLS TO ATLANTA, BIRMINGHAM, AND BUREAU
THIS DATE.

[REDACTED] REVEREND
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., WAS TO ARRIVE JACKSON FROM ATLANTA
THIS DATE TO PRESENT WORKSHOP ON WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT TO
LOCAL JACKSON NEGRO GROUPS AT MT. BEULAH CENTER, EDWARDS, MISS.

APPROPRIATE LOCAL, STATE AND FEDERAL AUTHORITIES WERE
ALERTED.

DR. KING ARRIVED THOMPSON AIRPORT, JACKSON, TEN TWENTY
A.M., FROM ATLANTA, ACCOMPANIED IN PRIVATE CESSNA FOUR ZERO SIX
TWIN ENGINE AIRCRAFT, BEARING NUMBER N THREE TWO TWO. THREE 16 1968
BY TWO NEGRO MALES, HOSEA WILLIAMS AND BERNARD LEE, AIDES OF

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KING'S; ALSO ACCOMPANYING KING ON HIS PRIVATE FLIGHT IN ADDITION TO PILOT AND CO-PILOT WERE ASSOCIATED PRESS REPORTER DON MC KEE, ATLANTA, JOSE Y. GLESIAS, REPORTER WITH NEW YORK TIMES SUNDAY MAGAZINE AND TWO CAMERAMEN FROM NATIONAL EDUCATION TV, SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA, ALL WHITE MALES. GROUP MET BY LEON HALL AND R. B. COTTENREADER, NEGRO MALE SCLC LEADERS FROM GRENADA, MISS., AND TWO UNIDENTIFIED NEGROES, ONE FEMALE AND ONE MALE.

GROUP PROCEEDED FROM AIRPORT DIRECTLY TO THE MT. BEULAH CENTER, EDWARDS, A DISTANCE OF ABOUT TWENTY MILES WEST OF JACKSON, ARRIVING AT ELEVEN THIRTYFIVE A. M.

[REDACTED] ADVISED APPROXIMATELY ONE b7(D) FIVE ZERO PEOPLE PRESENT IN HALL, MT. BEULAH, WHERE LUNCH WAS SERVED FOLLOWING WHICH KING CONDUCTED WORKSHOP EXPLAINING GOALS AND PURPOSES OF WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT AND ENCOURAGING SUPPORT FROM MANY GROUPS REPRESENTED AT THE
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MEETING.

AMONG THE GROUPS REPRESENTED WERE THE MISSISSIPPI FREEDOM DEMOCRATIC PARTY, A BIRACIAL POLITICAL GROUP HEADED BY LAWRENCE THOMAS GUYOT, JR., NEGRO MALE, AGE TWENTY EIGHT, THE MISSISSIPPI CHAPTER OF THE NATIONAL WELFARE RIGHTS ORGANIZATION, A BIRACIAL GROUP SEEKING FAVORABLE WELFARE LEGISLATION WHICH IS HEADED IN MISSISSIPPI BY GERALDINE SMITH, NEGRO FEMALE, THE DELTA MINISTRY, NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES, A BIRACIAL RELIGIOUS GROUP ACTIVE IN MISSISSIPPI, AND OTHER LOCAL NEGRO GROUPS.

HE SAID MHSP OFFICERS WERE NOT ALLOWED ON THE MEETING PLACE GROUNDS AND ACCOMPANYING NEWSMEN AND CAMERAMEN WERE NOT ALLOWED INTO THE CLOSED WORKSHOP; THE MEETING, HOWEVER, WAS BIRACIAL.

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[REDACTED] ADVISED THAT KING DEPARTED MT. BEULAH CENTER AT TWO THIRTY P. M.; STOPPED BRIEFLY AT A NEGRO JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL AT EDWARDS, MISS.,
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WHERE HE GREETED ABOUT ONE HUNDRED NEGRO STUDENTS AND THEN
RETURNED TO AIRPORT. HE DEPARTED JACKSON AT FOUR THIRTYFIVE P. M.,
ACCOMPANIED BY THE SAME COMPANIONS AS ON ARRIVAL, VIA CESSNA AIRCRAFT.

[REDACTED] ADVISED KING WAS EN ROUTE *b7(D)*
TO BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, FROM JACKSON, AND WAS EXPECTED TO VISIT
MONTGOMERY THEREAFTER.

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BIRMINGHAM WAS ADVISED BY PHONE THE TIME OF DEPARTURE
AND BIRMINGHAM WILL ADVISE MOBILE AND ATLANTA OF FUTURE
ITINEARY.

[REDACTED] JACKSON *b7(C)*
PD, BOTH ADVISED NO INCIDENTS OCCURRED THROUGHOUT VISIT.
APPROPRIATE LOCAL, STATE, AND FEDERAL AUTHORITIES ADVISED
OF DEPARTURE AND PERTINENT DETAILS. LHM FOLLOWS.

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cc: Mr. Linder

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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter, with enclosure, was received on
February 12th.

In response to your inquiry, information in our
files must be maintained as confidential pursuant to regulations
of the Department of Justice. I am sorry I cannot be of help to
you.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

NOTE: Bufiles contain no record identifiable with correspondent
or the "Catholic Checkmate." The enclosure submitted by correspondent
is a copy of a special issue of the "Catholic Checkmate" which makes
an attempt to analyze articles which appear in the "Christianity Today"
described as a religion text. "The Wanderer" is a National Catholic
Weekly which has never been investigated by the Bureau.

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The Federal Bureau of Investigation
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GENTLEMEN:

ATTN: J. Edgar Hoover

For several years, I have been sympathetic with the aims and policies of Dr. Martin Luther King. Recently, three friends stated to me that they had information regarding Dr. King as being a Communist. This was quite a surprise to me, indeed! Their source of information was a religious newspaper entitled, "The Wanderer." Two persons claimed that his name is recorded in the files of the FBI and furthermore, that his name is on the subversive list. This upset me visibly and I could not accept their statements, so they suggested that I write to your agency, for further proof as to the correctness of this information.

Please write me at the above address, at your convenience. I will greatly appreciate hearing from you, knowing how many responsibilities you have. To my knowledge, Dr. King has never claimed to be affiliated with the Communist party in any way, however, if I am mistaken about this, please correct me. But my belief is that this man's record will prove quite clearly that he is a loyal American citizen and does not advocate the overthrowing of the United States government.

Sincerely yours, 67(c) [REDACTED]

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"Catholic CHECKMATE"

BOX 593 • BELMONT, CALIFORNIA

ISSUE

"LEAD US NOT INTO TEMPTATION"

A 17-year-old girl came home from Marin Catholic High, threw her 4th year "Religion" book down in disgust, demanding "IS THIS THE GARBAGE YOU INSISTED ON SENDING ME TO A CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL TO LEARN?"

Her mother, incredulous at first, became LIVID WITH OUTRAGE after reading the specific chapter which her daughter indicated. It flagrantly described a wild, clandestine, sexual affair between two 16-year-olds. AND THAT IS HARD ENOUGH TO SWALLOW ... but the article is particularly INSIDIOUS because the language of the young man reeks with "INTELLECTUAL PRIDE" ... HE APPEALS TO THE VANITY OF THE DEFIANT SINNER WHO DEFENDS HIS EVERY ACTION IN THE NAME OF "LOVE" ... OR "BEAUTIFUL EXPERIENCE" ... BUT NEVER BY THEIR RIGHTFUL NAMES OF "LUST" OR "AVARICE." He uses the PAGAN philosophy that because it is "desirable" to him, it must therefore be "ordained" by God. In his Pride, HE CAN DO NO WRONG — THEREFORE IT MUST BE RIGHT — AND SO HE "RE-INTERPRETS" THE LAWS OF GOD

This article, as you see, is incorporated into a SPECIAL ISSUE because of its immediate and DANGEROUS potential. We feel it is absolutely imperative that all God-fearing, and God-loving parents IMMEDIATELY CHECK THE TEXTBOOKS THAT MAY WELL BE SUBVERTING THE FAITH OF THEIR CHILDREN. You might START with the early readers and CATECHISMS that no longer teach the TEN COMMANDMENTS, or ARTICLES OF FAITH, but instead PREACH A PSEUDO-SOCIALISTIC DOCTRINE THAT LEADS TO MORAL VACUUM, DEPENDENCY AND ANARCHY. We shall attempt to prove this contention by "DISSECTING" the following articles that appear in the "CHRISTIANITY TODAY" RELIGION TEXT ... A SERIES OF ULTRA-LIBERAL "READINGS" as edited by one JOSEPH A. NOVAK, S.J. (How can the "SOCIETY OF JESUS" ALLOW THESE MEN TO PROFANE ITS ORIGINAL PURPOSE?) It is part of a PILOT PROGRAM ("experimental") of the "LORD AND KING" SERIES (Holt, Rinehart and Winston, Inc.) from Marin Catholic High School, in the San Francisco Diocese ... so just MAYBE YOUR 16-year old is learning — not any NEW sex INFORMATION — BUT A STRANGE TOLERATION FOR SIN, — IN THE NAME OF "LOVE." NOT TO MENTION MANY ANOTHER "ODD" DOCTRINE ... FROM EVEN MORE ODD SOURCES ... AS YOU WILL SEE BY LOOKING OVER OUR SHOULDER AS WE REVIEW BITS AND PIECES OF THIS SO-CALLED "RELIGION BOOK"! ... Ed.

TO BEGIN:

Let us examine a few "graphic" sentences from the article in question "THE INDIVIDUAL AT BAY", p. 48, "CHRISTIANITY TODAY".

"In the spring of my third year of prep school, at the age of sixteen, I had my first love affair ... we were perfectly adjusted sexually, though in retrospect, I believe she was somewhat more experienced than I —"

"Neither of us slept that night, and with the dawnlight in the halls, I returned to my room. It had been the most OVERWHELMING, THE MOST BEAUTIFUL EXPERIENCE OF MY

had come to the conclusion that the Roman Catholic Church had failed me ... It had CREATED A PROBLEM for me that had not previously existed, and then failed to provide an acceptable solution..."

"From my catechism I remembered that one was obliged to accept the entire body of Church Dogma ... I then denied ALL ... I henceforth began to consider myself outside the Church, and I STILL DO..."

(The most diabolical aspect of presentation was the UTTER LACK OF "ADEQUATE REBUTTAL" ... The EMPHASIS in these READINGS is ALWAYS on the ENTICEMENT,

NEXT:

We will examine the LEAD article, by the Editor, Joseph A. Novak, S.J. entitled: "ATTITUDES OF YOUNG PEOPLE TOWARD RELIGION AND ITS PRACTICE" ... (P. 12, Same book) ... Again, all the way through the article, the EMPHASIS (this time in Paragraph HEADINGS) is followed by the most ENTICING arguments, but cleverly included in a "package" with the WEAKEST and most VACUOUS DEFENSE from a RELIGIOUS STANDPOINT:

1. RELIGION IS FOR CHILDREN. As a young person develops and moves from childhood into adolescence and young adulthood, he is anxious to leave behind the things associated with that childhood ... he is anxious to become a man. Some young people begin

A SLIGHT SHIFT IN TACTICS .. "Letter from a Graduate to the President of Notre Dame" (p.23) by Ralph Martin, Jr.

In which a Magna cum Laude graduate, winner of the Dockweiler Award in Philosophy, explains how, as he "grew in INTELLECTUAL ABILITY AND IN CREATIVITY", he also grew "farther and farther away from CHRISTIANITY" ... and that "those who were really thriving on the NEW Notre Dame, on academic excellence, seemed more and more to be focusing precisely on THAT" ... "Many of the best students that Notre Dame produces are NO LONGER CATHOLICS by the time they graduate ... and the same thing is true of the mass of students ... very few of whom are concerned with making Christ a real part of their lives and work ..." He also admits that "IN THE COURSE OF FOUR YEARS AT NOTRE DAME, MY OWN CATHOLICISM DISSOLVED." ... and predicts that "in the not too distant future, Notre Dame will no longer be a CHRISTIAN university in ANY way ... It shows up in all kinds of ways; the practical attitudes of the great majority of students, of faculty; the fall-off in vocations; THE DEMORALIZATION OF SO MANY PRIESTS ... AS IF IT WERE BECOMING PART OF THE PROBLEM, RATHER THAN CONTRIBUTING TO THE SOLUTION; AS IF IT WERE GAINING THE WHOLE WORLD, YET SUFFERING THE LOSS OF ITS SOUL."

He then suggests that it "must be a fearsome RESPONSIBILITY BEFORE GOD to be entrusted with 7000 students, AND GIVE THEM EVERYTHING, BUT THE ONE THING NECESSARY" ... He adds, sadly, that "processions, Benediction, Visits to the Grotto, the Rosary, devotions to Mary ... THESE THINGS HAVE IN FACT BEEN SWEEPED AWAY, AND NOTHING IS TAKING THEIR PLACE" ... (THERE, he is so WRONG ... SOMETHING IS taking their place ... IT IS ATHEISM! ... Ed.)

He recommends the Cursillo movement as one method of "renewal", and also suggests that "the likeliest thing to do would be to build up a core of chaplains who were free for full-time pastoral work..." He believes that the "students are looking less for Academic Credentials than for a man who is holy, and who has APOSTOLIC SENSITIVITY AND DEDICATION," (and) that the same is true of the move to "turn the Chaplains into PROFESSIONAL PSYCHOLOGISTS; ON THE CONTRARY, he asserts that "WHAT THE STUDENTS ARE LOOKING FOR IS WHAT WE'RE ALL LOOKING FOR, A MAN WHO IS GROWING IN HOLINESS; A MAN WHO HAS, AS IT WERE, RECEIVED HIS CREDENTIALS FROM GOD..."

(The letter was much more inspirational than I can convey in this brief space. You might think that the leadership at Notre Dame would be proud of the young man's SPIRITUAL INSIGHT AND CONCERN, but in their VANITY, they can never admit to ERROR. They must RATIONALIZE THE OBVIOUS WRECKAGE OF THEIR SECULARISTIC EXPERIMENT; PHILOSOPHIZING "WHILE ROME BURNS". Thus:

VERY REV. T. M. HESBURGH, C.S.C. (President): "At an earlier age in this country, there was an enormous EMPHASIS in Catholic Universities on MORAL FORMATION and this was accepted by students and parents at times as the VERY MEANING OF THE UNIVERSITY, AND PERHAPS IT WAS... BUT AT THE SAME TIME ONE HAS TO ALWAYS HOLD ... THAT THE PRIMARY PURPOSE OF THE UNIVERSITY IS INTELLECTUAL FORMATION, involving a philosophical and theological sophistication in the total teaching and learning process"... (OBVIOUSLY, GOD HAS

BEEN RELEGATED TO SECOND PLACE.)

Father Joseph Hoffman, C.S.C. (Univ. Chaplain) p. 34: "I think the Church of their childhood is a (stumbling block) because THIS IS THE CHURCH OF THEIR PARENTS... It is new to students to have a Church that might not be quite so STATIC as they knew it" ... (and on p. 36) "I think that processions, and any kind of MASS RELIGIOUS MOVEMENT, are repugnant to students in high school, and certainly HERE IN COLLEGE ... TO JOIN A CROWD FOR, SAY, THE ROSARY OR PROCESSION, NO ... I think now BENEDIC-

TION IS NOT SO POPULAR ... (and) the DEVOTION TO THE BLESSED SACRAMENT, apart from Mass, IS NOT SO MUCH A PART OF STUDENT LIFE AS IT USED TO BE"... (I propose that this book might help you see WHY NOT! ... Ed.)

Father J. S. Dunne, C.S.C. (Prof. of Theology, p. 38): (In answer to a question which suggested that the 'critical' student might be some kind of "SUPER-APOSTLE"...) "I am not sure that it helps people TO BE ATTACKED WITH CHRISTIANITY..." (The NEW ZEAL FOR CHRIST, AS being advocated by our NEW "THEOLOGAINS".)

AS FOR THE REST OF THE BOOK

(It "EVOLVES" from the apologetics of the LIBERAL CATHOLIC ESTABLISHMENT TO THE PREDICTABLE "BIG LIE" TECHNIQUE OF THEIR SECULAR AND LEFTIST ASSOCIATES.) THUS:

Martin Luther King preaches LIKE A CHRISTIAN FOR 15 FULL PAGES ... yet not ONE WORD is said about his COMMUNIST AFFILIATIONS, even though JOHN HOWARD GRIFFIN, author of "Black Like Me: (who is also glorified in this book) wrote on p. 33-34 of "Thirteen for Christ" that "UNDER THE STIMULUS OF SUCH THINKERS AS DR. BENJAMIN MAYS AND DR. SAMUEL WILLIAMS, HIS (Martin Luther King's) CONCERN FOR RACIAL AND ECONOMIC "JUSTICE" BECAME MORE PROFOUND" Government records show that by 1962 Dr. Mays had 35 affiliations with known Communist Fronts, and Dr. Johnson had been active in many Communist Fronts listed; and was an ardent believer in permitting communists to be officers in the armed forces. Rev. King's former Secretary, RAYMOND

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NOTE:

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : MR. W. C. SULLIVAN *WCS*

FROM : MR. G. C. MOORE *he*

SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
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1 - Mr. DeLoach
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PURPOSE:

Attached for your approval for dissemination are copies of a communication containing information concerning a conference held between Stanley Levison and William Rutherford, advisor and aide respectively to Martin Luther King, Jr., outlining tactics to be used in King's massive civil disobedience campaign.

BACKGROUND:

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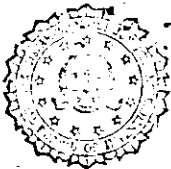
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RECOMMENDATION:

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The Washington Field Office is being instructed to furnish this information to police authorities and other interested local agencies.

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